

Application No. 09/828698 (Docket: RIV.0008)  
37 CFR 1.111 Amendment dated 08/25/2005  
Reply to Office Action of 06/24/2005

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-20 are pending in the application. The Examiner additionally stated that claims 9-20 are allowed, claims 1-3 are rejected, and claims 4-8 are objected to. By this amendment, claims 2 and 4 have been cancelled and claims 1, 3, and 5 have been amended. Hence, claims 1, 3, and 5-20 are pending in the application.

Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the foregoing amendments.

#### **In the Claims**

##### **Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner objected to claims 4-8 as being dependent upon rejected base claim 1, but indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this paper, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of allowable claim 4 and intervening claim 2. Claims 3 and 5 have been amended to depend from claim 1 and claims 2 and 4 have been cancelled. Claims 6-8 depend from claim 5.

Consequently, Applicant requests that the objections to claims 4-8 be withdrawn.

The Examiner also indicated that claims 9-20 are allowable over the prior art of record. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these claims and notes that they are preserved herein as originally filed.

##### **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Roberts et al., US Patent No. 6,792,605.

In that claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable limitations of claims 2 and 4, and since claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 1, Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1 and 3.

Claim 2 has been cancelled, thereby rendering the Examiner's rejection moot.

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**CONCLUSIONS**

In view of the arguments advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 3, and 5-20 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested, and allowance of the claims is solicited.

Applicant earnestly requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned practitioner by telephone if the Examiner has any questions or suggestions concerning this amendment, the application, or allowance of any claims thereof.

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